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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method for identifying agents which increase functional cell surface expression of a ΔF508 mutant CFTR protein comprising:

(a) exposing cells transfected with a genetic construct to an agent, wherein the genetic construct comprises a ΔF508 mutant human CFTR cDNA coding region and a cDNA of an EGFP reporter gene linked at the 5' end to the ΔF508 mutant human CFTR cDNA coding region and wherein said cDNAs are under the regulation of the proximal human CFTR promoter region;

(b) measuring CFTR expression or activity levels or trafficking of CFTR to the cell membrane in the exposed cells; and

(c) comparing measured CFTR expression levels or activity or trafficking of CFTR to the cell membrane in the exposed cells to CFTR expression or activity levels or trafficking of CFTR to the cell membrane in cells not exposed to the agent, wherein an increase in CFTR expression or activity levels or trafficking of CFTR to the cell membrane in the exposed cells as compared to the unexposed cells is indicative of the agent being useful in increasing functional cell surface expression of a ΔF508 mutant CFTR protein.

Claims 10-11 (canceled).